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AUDACITY OF THE IMPOSTOR.

He Deceived Not Only the Sisters, but Even the Wife of the Man Whose Place He Usurped—The Return of the Real Guerre and the Exposure.

Perhaps the most remarkable case of doubles in all history is that of Martin Guerre, a Frenchman, who was born near Bayonne in the first half of the sixteenth century. Martin Guerre was the son of a well-to-do farmer and brickmaker, and as was the custom of the country at the time, he married at the age of eleven Bertrand de Bois, who had then reached the age of ten. For eight years they lived together.

Unfortunately Martin stole a bushel of corn from his father. Frightened by the heinousness of his crime, he deserted his wife and fled to Spain. There he entered the service of Emperor Charles V. and after several years of campaigning seems to have forgotten his wife, Bertrand, and his baby boy, Saucio. At any rate, he ceased to write home, and his family lost all trace of him. His absence stretched on to eight years.

Then one evening a stranger arrived at the inn of the village where the deserted wife was still living. He at once told his host that he was Martin Guerre and recounted the adventures and hardships that had kept him from home so long. The rumor of Martin Guerre's return soon spread, and his four sisters listened to the hostelry with much eagerness. He had gone eight years before, scarcely more than a boy. Now he was a mature man, bronzed and bearded. Nevertheless they welcomed him, embraced him, and carried the news to his wife. Bertrand hastened to him at once. When she saw him first she started back with mingling. But he addressed her tenderly, repeated words for word their parting conversation and mentioned details that only a husband could have known. He even spoke of the clothing he had left behind and where it could be found. Bertrand was convinced. She begged forgiveness for her doubts and threw herself into his arms. An uncle arrived, too, hesitated, but the newcomer detailed to him all the minutiae of their business transactions eight years before, and he also was convinced.

The upshot of the matter was that this stranger arrived Martin Guerre returned home with his wife and lived happily and without suspicion with her for four years. During this time they had two children, and Martin's father at his death bequeathed him a farm.

However, a soldier passing through the village declared that he had seen Martin at the siege of St. Quentin, that he had lost a leg there, but that he was still alive, and the soldier left a written deposition to that effect. The rumor spread that the man living as Martin Guerre was an impostor.

Bertrand at this filed a criminal information against the man to whom for four years she had granted the rights of a husband. He was described in the accusation as Arnault du Tilh, and was committed to prison. The prisoner said that the uncle had influenced his wife and that the whole charge was a conspiracy to deprive him of his fortune of 8,000 livres. He submitted to a searching interrogatory, after the French fashion, and answered all questions satisfactorily. He told of his campaigns and revealed the most intimate details of the family history. He related for the defense, too, that the four sisters who still called him brother, on his four years' absence with Bertrand, had sworn to him that he was not her real husband, declaring that if she so swore he was ready to forfeit his head. Bertrand refused to take this oath. He was confused by his confident manner.

In the trial 150 witnesses were examined. Of this number forty deposed that the man was the real Martin Guerre, fifty deposed that he was Arnault du Tilh, and sixty declined to pronounce any opinion, owing to the extraordinary resemblance in spite of the conflicting evidence the judge pronounced him guilty. He at once appealed to the parliament of Toulouse.

On this appeal thirty witnesses were re-examined. Ten deposed that he was Martin Guerre, eight that he was an impostor, and the remainder confessed that they were too bewildered to have any opinion. The judges were sorely perplexed and leaned to the side of the prisoner.

By a curious coincidence just at this juncture the real Martin Guerre made his appearance on the scene. He showed the same marks on his face as those borne by the prisoner. The men were confronted with each other in court. Even the four sisters, who till now had clung to their belief in the prisoner, confessed their mistake. The prisoner lost his nerve, confessed his crime and begged forgiveness. He was condemned to death and executed. The real Martin was restored to his rights—Conrad Oak in New York Tribune.

Originality. "Why did you accept George?" "He was so much more original than the other fellows."

"In what way?" "He was the one that asked me to be his wife."—Puck.

Managing a Servant. One housewife declares that at last she has solved the servant problem. "Formerly I had untold trouble with my maids," she said. "They'd do well for awhile, and then they'd deteriorate so that I simply couldn't keep them. So I hit on this plan: When I noticed a falling out in the last maid's work I went into the kitchen and told her that, in addition to her fixed wages, she should have 50 cents extra every week that she did well. When she was only fairly good I'd give her a quarter, but on the week when she did poorly she'd get nothing. Nine weeks out of ten she gets her half dollar. It pleases her immensely, and I find the plan well worth while in the better service it secures me."—New York Tribune.

Unfair. Hazel, aged seven, while feeding the cat at the dining table was reproved by her father, who told her that the cat must wait until later, whereupon the small girl wept and said:

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POULTRY NOTES

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## THE RICHEST, MOST VALUABLE FERTILIZER.

It is stated that a hen's excrement has a value half that of her feed bill. This may have been true when the speculating devil, greed, didn't fix the price of feed.

But counting eggs, flesh, feathers and fertilizer the American hen is a high profit producer. Eighty pounds in the average per hen per year, though all flocks do not produce first grade, as it depends on age, constitution and feed, the best containing 3 per cent nitrogen, 2 per cent phosphoric acid and 10 per cent potash plus water and waste to the fifty pounds.

It is the richest of fertilizers because the urinary secretions are involved in the solid matter, and if fed right to

the ground or mixed with a good litter or absorbed the valuable properties may be preserved; otherwise they are lost by evaporation.

We believe best results are attained when fowls run right on the ground; therefore in the range season we keep them from the yards and house as much as possible and have them running on the soil. This serves several purposes. The soil in the yards does not become sick, the houses do not become foul, the fowls get air, exercise, insect and vegetable food; there are more and better fertilized eggs, and the birds spread the manure evenly, so that splendid results are shown in increased crops.

On the great poultry farms in the United States, England and Australia colony houses on wheels or runners are now used and hauled all over the farms so that the ground is systematically enriched and better results obtained from the flocks and the soil. Fowls, being housed mostly in the winter, during the day their droppings fall on the litter, and at night they should be caught on a board platform under the roost and then be mixed with a proper absorbent and stored. It is good, while droppings fall, and the moisture from it creates damp.

Straw is the best litter. Not much is required. It is a fertilizer itself. It quickly absorbs the droppings. They rot quickly together and become the best manure.

Sawdust is a poor fertilizer and absorbent. It rots slowly. Mixed with hen manure in heaps the virtues of the latter quickly evaporate, and when plowed under it rots so slowly as to do little good.

When droppings are stored alone or with sawdust, 50 per cent is lost; with plaster alone, 33 1/3 per cent; with plaster and plaster, the good qualities are preserved.

For the health of your hens and the good of the garden remove and store the droppings. Hen manure makes things jump. For strawberries, which require much nitrogen, it is particularly good, while droppings tell us that pigeon time is especially fine for flowers.

## DON'TS.

Don't feed eggshells stuffed with soft soap to egg eaters. It's part lye and the cure is all lye.

Don't use a whole drug store on a fifty cent hen. Prevention is better than dope.

Don't put strong disinfectant in the water vessel. It spoils the flavor and digestibility of food.

Don't try every remedy recommended by neighbors. Your hens will die of compound chemical combustion.

Don't call the family doctor when your rooster is sick. His bill might make you ill.

Don't go round town doctoring other people's chickens. If your prescription kills you will get the chickens.

Don't let your hens eat snow nor waste the slush. You'll have no eggs when prices rush.

Don't let your white faced Black Spanish hens get frost bitten cheeks. It will spoil them for show and eggs will come slow.

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## MY MARY'S MAGIC BELL.

I love to hear my Mary sing. Oh, when she trills an air tremolo. She is a great high flier.

The organ trills, doodle dees. Then Mary trills an air tremolo. An oh, she goes a-trilling up a million miles or so.

She gets so near the gates above. The angels all aspire. To imitate her trills an air thrills. Upon their golden lyre.

But Mary sings a greater song. Upon her dinner bell. You bet I love her dinner bell. They are most awful swell.

But Mary is a dandy cook. An' when her dinner's done. When I hear her bell I give a yell. An' for the table run.

Say, Gabriel, when dawns the morn. When you call folks up yonder. An' you shall too the judgment horn. With sounds like mighty thunder.

If with the thunders of your horn. You fail to break my sleep. Don't give it up as a bad job. An' leave me there to weep.

Just tell my Mary to ring her bell. An', though I'm down a mile. Her magic bell will break my spell. An' I shall rise to smile.

C. M. BARNITZ.

## KURIOS FROM KORRESPONDENTS

Q. Will you please inform me why some of my squabs grow nicely at first and then are found choked to death?

A. You are breeding from small throated birds. When your squabs are over the milk period and the old ones give them whole grain their throats are too small for it to pass. Kill all small throated breeders.

Q. Please tell me how to make my hens lay I cannot keep them from getting fat. I have tried reducing the ration and thought when I got them down to a certain weight they would surely lay, but they didn't. I have used a wide ration too. A. We fear your fowls come from a fat farm market strain and not from a bred to lay strain and will only produce capital roasts.

Q. What is a fair price for a young turkey tom and where is the best place to get one. A. From \$10 to \$15. Buy your birds from a wild turkey ranch, where they cross tame and wild. One half wild blood is enough. There are such ranches in Maryland and Virginia.

Q. Do pigeons get tapeworm? A. Yes; they have had such worms two feet long taken from them.

Q. Which do you consider is the worse pest, mites or head lice? A. Head lice. They are on a chicken all the time, mites only nights.

Q. What is that fancy work on a turkey's head called? A. Caruncles.

Q. What is the difference between down and feathers? A. The chick and duckling first hatched are dressed in down. When this shows quill and web it is called feather.

Q. Why do my Leghorns get white in the face? I couldn't show last winter for this reason. A. You breed from birds with too large a lobe and it grows up into the face. Try the other plan.

## FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

When lightning struck and destroyed the home of Dr. S. A. Orwig, Misses Landin, N. J., he and his wife spent the night in the henhouse. While such a feather bed is not popular, it's wise to keep that coop clean for an emergency.

The United States department of agriculture is taking moving pictures at some of the great poultry farms, the films to be used for educational purposes at fairs and farmers' institutes. These for the "hoochie coochie" shows.

October is the beginning of the poultry year in California. The incubators and hens are then set and the brooders are made ready for the bright eyed ruffies. At that time eastern breeders are putting in coal and mending the snow shovels.

To California let us go. Where we'll not have to shovel snow. But, say, we'll have to pay for ice that sells at a tremendous price.

When a hen's mouth is throat and intestines are very red and she has watery diarrhea and death is preceded by intense pain, she has been poisoned with salt.

The easiest fowl to carve is the turkey, next is chicken, then come duck and goose. It depends on the size of the joints. Which you buy for Christmas depends on the size of your yard.

The Emerald Isle exported \$25,000,000 worth of poultry and eggs last year. She used the rotten ones for political purposes.

The toughest part of a fowl is the gizzard. This little organ is seldom diseased. It is sometimes blocked by constipation or pierced by nails and tacks. Yellowish spots and a brimstone smell in the gizzard indicate rat poison.

Missouri's contribution to the turkey famine is 200,000 fat, juicy birds. Oh, where has gone her mule that kicked? The turkey gobblers got 'em kicked.

Snow should not be allowed to bank up against the poultry house. It will turn to slush, and the snow water will often trickle through into the pens.

Chico, Tex., has a great plant where turkeys are dressed for market and loaded on refrigerator cars. Heiber than lose weight by cooping and hanging them they are driven to this center in large flocks. Two flocks of 1,500 and 1,800 fat birds were driven in from a distance of eighteen and fifteen miles. They gained weight on the trip.

Fried eggshells are simply worn out lime and are of little use for shells or grit. They are like poor advice trotted twice.

English Cigars.

"Do cigars ever contain rope?"

"Yes. That's just a plausibility of the jokers. As a matter of fact, the cheap brands of cigars."—London Mail.

The eruptions of Vesuvius greatly increase the fertility of the ground in the vicinity.

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